

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the subject application prior to entry of this Amendment. By the Amendment herewith, Applicant adds new independent claim 32-33, as supported by the specification and original claims. See, for example, page 2, lines 14-19 of the specification and claim 1.

Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-33 are pending. Of those claims, claims 1, 15, 27, 30 and 32-33 are independent.

In the outstanding non-final Office Action, the specification is objected to as failing to provide antecedent basis for “a storage medium” recited in claim 30.

The foregoing objection is respectfully disagreed with, and is traversed below.

In the interest of advancing the prosecution of the application, the specification is amended to recite the text of claim 30. It is respectfully asserted that no new matter is introduced into the application as a result of this amendment. For example, original claim 30 recited a “computer program on a storage or data transfer medium for loading an application (300) according to Claim 15 into the memory (220) of the mobile terminal (200) for implementing the method according to Claim 1.” Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 USC Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because of the recitation of “in a standardized form” in claims 1, 15, 27 and 30. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection. However, the wording objected to by the Examiner has been deleted in claims 1, 15, 27 and 30 in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim 30 is then rejected under 35 USC Section 101. Applicant also respectfully disagrees with this rejection. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the subject

application, the recitation of “means for” is deleted, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Regarding the rejections based upon art, claims 1-4, 7-9, 13-16, 18-21, 24, 27 and 29-30 are rejected under 35 USC Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Kleier (US 2002/0009990). Claims 10-12, 17, 22-23, 25-26 and 28 are rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kleier in view of Wu (US Patent 6,275,575). Dependent claims 5-6 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) as being obvious over Kleier.

The foregoing rejections are respectfully disagreed with, and are traversed below.

The disclosure of Kleier describes two distinct embodiments. The first embodiment is illustrated in Figures 6 to 8 and concerns the setting up of a conference call initialized at the network end (see paragraph 29). The second embodiment is illustrated in Figure 9 and comprises the conference call being initiated by one of the participants (see paragraph 33).

The Examiner, in the analysis set forth in paragraph 6 of the outstanding Office Action, has referred to Figures 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Kleier as disclosing Applicant's claim 1. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this analysis. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has erred in attempting to combine two separate and distinct embodiments of Kleier. Furthermore, it is submitted that the subject matter of Applicant's independent claims is novel, as well as non-obvious, over the teachings of Kleier.

For example, regarding the first mentioned embodiment of Kleier, it is clear from paragraph 29 of Kleier that in this embodiment, "the connection set-up to the participants in a list is initialized at the network end (after a mobile radio subscriber applies for the telephone conference by calling an above-mentioned virtual telephone number etc)." The convener of the conference call (in the terminology of claim 1) sets up the conference call by initiating a telephone call. The other participants in the conference call are then invited to the conference call when the network issues an invitation (which could comprise, for example, an acoustic and/or alphanumeric invitation - see paragraph 30).

It is therefore clear that there is no summons to a meeting drawn up by a mobile terminal of the convener of the conference call, which summons is then sent from the mobile terminal of the convener to all members of the group of participants, as recited in, for example, Applicant's independent claim 1. It is therefore submitted that the subject matter of claim 1 is novel, as well as non-obvious, over the first embodiment of Kleier.

Regarding the second embodiment of Kleier, as described at paragraph 35, "mobile terminal 1 requests the telephone conference per mobile radio by means of a telephone conference initialization 16 (by mobile radio)". This paragraph then goes on to disclose that "a server 7 at the mobile radio network (2) end then sends invitations 8, 9, 10 to the mobile terminals of the participants 3, 4, 5 of the list for the requested telephone conference." It is clear from the disclosure that a "telephone conference initialization" is not the same as invitations which are sent to the participants. In contrast, Applicant's claim 1 recites that the summons to a meeting which is drawn up on the mobile terminal of the convener of the conference call is the same as the summons sent to all members of the group of participants.

For at least the above reason, the subject matter of claim 1 also is novel, as well as non-obvious over the second embodiment of Kleier, as well.

Similarly, regarding Applicant's independent claims 15, 27, 30, 32 and 33, for reasons set forth above regarding, for example, the recited drawing up a summons and sending the summons features, it is respectfully asserted that the subject matter recited in these independent claims also is not disclosed in, nor suggested by, the teachings of Kleier.

As embodiments of the claimed invention are capable of formulating a summons to a meeting on a mobile terminal of the convener of the conference call and sending this summons to each of the members of the group of participants, embodiments of the invention are, for example, significantly simpler and more advantageous than the disclosures of Kleier. More specifically, there is no necessity for a network to establish the conference call in embodiments of the claimed invention; this functionality may be carried out by an application on the mobile terminal of the convener of the conference call as described, for example, at page 2, lines 4 to 6 of the specification.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant's independent claims are not disclosed in, nor suggested by, the teachings of Kleier. Nor is there any reason to modify the teachings of this reference in an attempt to arrive at Applicant's recited subject matter.

Accordingly, as all independent claims are patentable, all remaining dependent claims also are patentable at least in view of their dependency from an allowable independent claim. For completion, it is noted that the addition of Wu, which was cited by the Examiner in the rejection of Applicant's dependent claims 10-12, 17, 22-23, 25-26 and 28 does not cure the shortcomings of Kleier, and thus does not disclose or suggest the subject matter of Applicant's claims. Nor is there any reason to combine and modify the teachings of these references in an attempt to arrive at this subject matter.

Applicant further respectfully points out that the clarifying amendments made herein to the claims including, for example, improving upon the grammar and spelling, and deleting capitalizations are not made for reasons related to patentability and the full range of equivalents should remain intact.

All issues having been addressed, the subject application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections. A Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions, a call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

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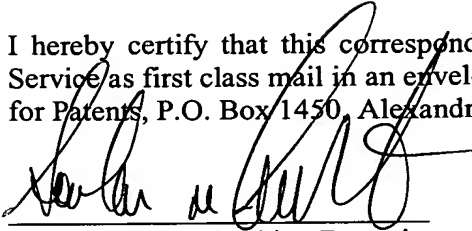
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